# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 25 Dec 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 26 Dec 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 25 Dec 2021 at 03:22 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for very cold, windy but often clear conditions on Christmas Day and for thicker cloud to spread north on Boxing Day, but lower confidence for details of snowfall. Low confidence from Tuesday.

**Headline for Saturday 25 Dec 2021:** Cold and bright or sunny. Bitterly cold in the strong easterly winds.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 25 Dec 2021**

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| **Blizzards**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy Snow**<br>No Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>Low Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>High Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>High Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>Low Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Clear night | Sunny | Sunny intervals | Sunny intervals | Clear night | Clear night |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 00% | <05% | <05% | <05% | 00% | 00% |

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**Weather:** Dry with long clear or sunny periods throughout. The strength of the wind and coldness of the air will be a significant feature of the day, however. Cloud cover may be more occasional across Loch Lomond and the Trossachs in the southeasterly winds, the odd snow flurry possible.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 70% east, 90% west.

**Visibility:** Should any mist or fog patches form in sheltered glens, they should be quick to clear through morning. Areas of cloud above around 800-1000m likely across The Trossachs, much less elsewhere. Otherwise, visibility will be excellent with great clarity to the air.

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| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 44/57 SE | 41/57 SE | 39/57 SE | 37/54 SE | 39/56 SE | 39/57 SE | 40/56 SE |
| **900** | 37/53 SE | 36/53 SE | 36/53 SE | 34/50 SE | 34/51 SE | 34/51 SE | 33/50 SE |
| **600** | 39/56 SE | 38/55 SE | 36/53 SE | 34/52 SE | 35/53 SE | 35/53 SE | 34/52 SE |
| **300** | 30/47 E | 28/46 E | 27/44 E | 25/44 E | 25/45 E | 25/45 E | 25/45 E |
| **Glen** | 10/23 E | 11/20 NE | 15/29 E | 16/28 NE | 14/26 NE | 15/32 E | 15/32 E |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1300** | -7/-19 | -8/-19 | -8/-19 | -8/-19 | -8/-20 | -8/-19 | -8/-19 |
| **900** | -5/-15 | -5/-15 | -5/-15 | -5/-15 | -6/-16 | -6/-16 | -6/-16 |
| **600** | 3/-4 | 2/-5 | 2/-5 | 2/-5 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 |
| **300** | 1/-7 | 1/-7 | 1/-6 | 0/-7 | -0/-7 | 0/-7 | 0/-7 |
| **Glen** | 2/-2 | 2/-2 | 3/-2 | 2/-3 | 2/-3 | 2/-3 | 2/-2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 200m | 100m | 100m | 00m | 00m | 00m | 00m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Bitterly cold with winds gusting up to 65mph on most exposed ground, and little respite away from lowest slopes. Sunshine will likely lead to strong glare off the existing snowfields.

**Forecast for Sunday 26 Dec 2021**
**Weather:** Thick cloud will spread north through the early hours of Boxing Day bringing with it spells of snow to almost all levels, this particularly persistent across Loch Lomond and The Trossachs, as well as Argyll. Lochaber will see the best shelter. Cloud will lower widely. Snow gradually turns to rain or sleet below 800m or so later in the day.

**Maximum wind:** East or southeast 30-40 gusting 50mph, easing a little through evening.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 70% through the early hours, then virtually no chance.

**Visibility:** Thick cloud spreads north through morning, this extensive above 400-600m giving a widely misty day with poor visibility. Blizzard conditions are also expected as snow sets in on gale force winds.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius, but locally zero in the most shelters spots.
**At 800m:** Minus 4 Celsius.
**Freezing level:** 100m rising 800m from the south through evening.

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